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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on June 29, 2006. Applicants now file a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for an Extension of Time to the present date, with payment of the appropriate fees. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.